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SUBJ: RESUMED 26TH SESSION UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, ITEM 5, COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING STATUS OF WOMEN, APPROVAL OF US SPONSORED RESOLUTION

1. SUMMARY: US SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA APPROVED BY CONSENSUS, ELICITED ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT TO ELIMINATE SEX-ROLE STEREOTYPING BY MASS MEDIA AND EMPHASIZED POTENTIAL OF MASS MEDIA AS VEHICLE FOR SOCIAL AND ATTITUDINAL CHANGE PER SECTION IV, WORLD PLAN OF ACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. USDEL RESOLUTION ON THIS ITEM (E/CN.6/L.690) CO-SPONSORED BY DENMARK, IRAN, SWEDEN AND TOGO APPROVED BY
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CONSENSUS. AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED BY CO-SPONSORS AUGMENTED SUBSTANCE. USSR REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT CONDEMNING MASS MEDIA WAS REJECTED.

3. SWEDEN, NERVOUS ABOUT POSSIBLE FALL-OUT FROM RECENT UNESCO MEETING, ASKED FOR DELETION OF PARAS 3 AND 5

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IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. SPONSORS REJECTED ON GROUNDS THAT PARAS DID NOT POSE THREAT AS WORDED AND SWEDEN JOINED CONSENSUS.

4. VOTE WAS TAKEN ON PARA 8, CALLING FOR APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO PREPARE STUDY ON IMPACT OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA ON CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN, 12(US)-5(USSR)-3(UK). USSR REJECTED SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR CONCEPT. ABSTENTIONS REFLECTED CONCERN ABOUT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. USDEL STATED PARA 8 WOULD REQUIRE VERY MODEST EXPENDITURE WHICH COULD COME FROM EXISTING RESOURCES OR EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS.

5. IN LIGHT OF ENTHUSIASTIC INTEREST IN MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA ITEM, USGOV MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SPONSORING INTER-NATIONAL FORUM/SEMINAR ON MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA PRIOR TO 1980 WORLD CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN. US EXPERTISE IN MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA COULD MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MATERAILS AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM FOR 1980 CONFERENCE.CATTO

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